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State Emergency Management Officials are Preparing for Hurricane Isabel

(HARTFORD, CT) – In preparation for possible impacts from Hurricane Isabel, the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Management is monitoring the progress of the storm. Staff has been in contact with Federal, State and local emergency management officials and will continue to maintain communication to ensure the coordination of possible response activities.

As of noon today, Hurricane Isabel, a formidable Category 4 storm with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph, was located 800 miles south southeast of Cape Hatteras, NC and moving west northwest at 8 miles an hour. Hurricane Isabel is forecast to strike the mid Atlantic states this Thursday. At this time Hurricane Isabel is **not** forecast to make landfall in the Connecticut area but emergency officials are preparing for the storm and will provide up to date information in the event any protective actions are required.

Recommended preparation and safety measures are as follows:

- Frequently listen to national and state media for official information on the storm's progress.
- Stock your home with 3-7 days of food (canned goods, dry foods, and beverages), water, and supplies.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- Have cash and credit cards on hand.
- Prepare to cover all windows with shutters or other shielding materials.

Have ready an emergency kit that includes:

- Flashlights, portable battery-operated radio, extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Non-electric can opener.
- Essential medicines.

- Have a family evacuation plan. Know where you will go and if directed to evacuate, do so. Don't forget to make arrangements for pets.

If you know of neighbors or others with hearing or language problems or special needs inform them of this information.